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EVENT: Guilty Plea

Defendant: Charles Bohannon

**FORMER BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND
TRAINMEN (BLET), DIVISION 1, OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT**

A former Secretary-Treasurer of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET), Division 1, pleaded guilty today to embezzlement charges stemming from the theft of Division 1 funds, Acting United States Attorney Terrence Berg announced today.

Berg was joined in the announcement by Ian Burg, Detroit District Director of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards.

Charles Bohannon, 29, formerly of Luna Pier, Michigan, entered a guilty plea to Embezzlement of Union Assets in the United States District Court before the Honorable Lawrence P. Zatkoff.

The information presented to the court at the time of the plea showed that between September 2003 and January 2005, Bohannon, while acting as Secretary-Treasurer of BLET,

Division 1, embezzled approximately \$18,074.23 from BLET, Division 1, by writing unauthorized checks to himself drawn on the union's checking account, making unauthorized cash withdrawals from the union's checking account, and making an unauthorized computer purchase with union funds.

A sentencing hearing was set by Judge Zatkoff for February 10, 2009 at 10:30 A.M.

The case was investigated by Investigator Mildred Holmes of the U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Labor-Management Standards. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James M. Wouczyna.